I ask all my colleagues to take a look at their district and see how many small businesses benefit from that and join me in support.

There are only a couple of ways to generate wealth, and exporting your goods is one of them.

CONGRATULATING WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Wayzata High School boys golf team on winning this year's Minnesota State championship.

After finishing in the runner-up position for the last two seasons, Wayzata broke through and won the State title by three strokes this year. It was a well-balanced performance by the entire team that allowed them to take the championship.

While many think of golf as an individual sport, it took strong performances from each and every golfer to bring home the State title. The game of golf, Mr. Speaker, can be very humbling, and it takes focus, mental toughness, and skill to compete at a very high level.

I commend these student athletes on their commitment and dedication not only to golf, but to their family obligations and their studies as well. The time commitments required to be a top high school athlete are not easy. And their friends, families, and communities are very proud.

Congratulations again to the Wayzata High School boys golf team.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as you can see by this chart, the Federal gas user fee, at only \$97 a year, buys drivers \$515 in costs per driver because of bad roads.

Just released data also shows that up to 73 percent of the bridges in some States are deficient. Can you think of any other necessity, except the \$97 gas user fee, that has not increased in 22 years? We are getting what we paid for in the hidden costs of bad roads and bridges.

The congressional response has been so disproportionate to the needs of the States that we are told that another short-term extension—that would be the 34th—12 legislative days from now could yield a veto.

The States say that these short-term extensions are useless. Only the next 2 weeks to get a long-term authorization is pushing it. Given the state of our bridges and roads, we have no alternative.

END OF THE MANHUNT

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, as Americans across the country know, my district was the unfortunate home of a recent manhunt that captured the attention of our country.

For more than 3 weeks, two killers remained at large in our north country community after escaping from Clinton Correctional Facility. During this time period, hundreds and hundreds of brave law enforcement officers worked diligently to find these escaped convicts and protect our community.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank these brave law enforcement officers who risked their safety to protect the families in our neighborhoods, and I rise to thank our local communities for their patience and support during this difficult time.

Going forward, we must find answers as to how this prison break occurred and do what is needed to stop this from ever happening again. But, for now, our north country community can sleep safer, knowing these two killers are no longer at large.

CHANGE IS NOT BAD

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to again note what a historic day this was, with the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act, which opens the opportunity for billions of dollars to be invested in the Nation's clinics and laboratories to make America healthy and make America better.

This bill is from the Energy and Commerce Committee. I am very proud to be one of its cosponsors. And I would like to say back to my constituents in Texas, the Texas Medical Center, and all of the research that is being done: Here is an opportunity to work on those unique and special diseases impacting children with lupus and other diseases. That is why change is not had

Additionally, I join with the arguments in my district for changing the names of high schools that are not reflective of the Nation today, those named after confederate generals. The names of these high schools are not reflective of a unifying America.

Frankly, I believe that the school board should address this question and teach the children that that is the past history that was not a positive history and that we should reflect positively on unifying America and carrying the American flag.

Lastly, again, I say on the floor what a very special day, the solemnity in the way the rebel flag was finally put to rest, put to rest, and taken to a relic museum, where it belongs. And we can stand here under this shining American

flag saying that we, too, are Americans.

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KEEP PATENT SYSTEM STRONG

(Mr. MASSIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, when patent trolls use U.S. patents to game the system for illegitimate financial gain, it is much like counterfeiting because these are official U.S. documents. What would we do if we found a counterfeiter? Would we go after the counterfeiter, or would we devalue our currency to discourage counterfeiters?

Well, that sounds ridiculous. That would wreck our economy just to go after counterfeiters by devaluing the currency. But that is what the Innovation Act, H.R. 9, does to patents. It devalues all patents, and it is going to wreck our economy if we pass it.

Patents are the currency of invention. If you want invention to be strong in this country, you need to keep the patent system strong.

I urge my colleagues to vote against H.R. 9.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

(Mr. KATKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the overwhelming passage of the 21st Century Cures Act.

Across central New York, I heard from advocates and individuals suffering from diseases like Alzheimer's, ovarian cancer, multiple sclerosis, and epilepsy, to name a few. That is not just something I heard from my colleagues. Those diseases have stricken those in my family as well.

We owe it to the people and their families to support medical research so that individuals in our communities can live longer, healthier lives.

Today's legislation allows researchers and scientists to move forward in their efforts to produce lifesaving treatments, therapies, and cures for our loved ones. It will reduce medical uncertainty in the development of new medicine and remove barriers to increase research collaboration.

I dream of a time in a not too distant future when I can tell my children that what we did here on the floor of the House today saved lives and prevented them and their children from enduring some of the diseases that we have had to endure in our lifetime.

21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, moments ago with my support, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act.